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SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 13, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in the file of the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Amend claims 1-13, 15-18, 20, and 22 to read:**

1. (five times amended) A cellulose triacetate compound obtained by the reaction of a cellulose, which may contain a hemicellulose, with a reactant consisting essentially of acetic anhydride in the presence of a sulfuric acid catalyst and having at least one feature selected from the group consisting of:

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